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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE FOR A NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC, SUVA,
APRIL 1-6

CINCPACREP PASS STATUS LNO AND HICOM

REF: A) STATE 82261; B) SUVA'S A-26 OF APRIL 11, 1975

THE FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT OF SUVA 382 (UNCLASSIFIED),
DATED APRIL 13, 1975, SENT TO SECSTATE WASHDC WITH INFO
TO CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON.

1. REPORT ON SUBJ CONFERENCE (REF B) WAS POUCHED TO DEPT
APRIL 11, WITH REQUEST THAT DEPT PROVIDE COPIES TO BOTH INFO
ADDEES AND OTHER POSTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST CON-
TAINED REF A, SUMMARY OF REPORT FOLLOWS:

2. CONFERENCE WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED WITH SOME EIGHTY
DELEGATES FROM TWENTY-TWO COUNTRIES AND ISLAND TERRITORIES
REPRESENTED, INCLUDING US, CANADA, AND JAPAN. ALTHOUGH
PRIMIN WAS SLATED ADDRESS OPENINGSESSION, HE DID NOT
ATTEND BUT SENT MESSAGE TO BE READ. PM STRONGLY SUP-
PORTED CONFERENCE IN ITS AIMS PREVENT NUCLEAR TESTING AND
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PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. CALLED CONFERENCEEX-

PRESSURE OF DETERMINATION OF PACIFIC PEOPLE TO MAKE REGION, AND WORLD, A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE TO LIVE. HE SAID FIJI AS SMALL ISLAND STATE IS INCREASINGLY DEPENDENT UPON RESOURCES OF SEA AND THEREFORE IT VITAL THAT THIS ENVIRONMENT BE PROTECTED FROM MAN-MADE CONTAMINATION, PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR RADIATION. FIJI IS THEREFORE OPPOSED ALL FORMS NUCLEAR TESTING IN ALL ENVIRONMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE USE EVERY POSSIBLE FORUM TO VOICE THIS OPPOSITION. MESSAGE ENDBD WITH CALL FOR ALL NATIONS TO DEVOTE THEIR NATIONAL RESOURCES TO FIGHTING POVERTY AND MISERY, NOT RPT NOT TO DEVELOPMENT OF EVER MORE SOPHISTICATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

3. CONFERENCE FOLLOWED PREDICTABLE LINES, WITH DELEGATES SHARPLY CRITICAL OF NUCLEAR TESTING IN PACIFIC. CRITICISM WENT BEYOND THIS POINT, HOWEVER, AND COVERED POLITICAL ISSUES AFFECTING VARIOUS AREAS. NEW HEBRIDEAN DELEGATION, FOR EXAMPLE, CRITICIZED FRENCH DOMINATION AND BRITISH NEO-COLONIALISM IN PACIFIC TO JUSTIFY ITS DEMANDS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

4. MICRONESIAN DELEGATION HIGHLY CRITICAL US ROLE IN NUCLEAR TESTS IN 1950S, RELATING HORROR STORIES OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS THAT HAVE AFFLICTED PEOPLE OF ISLANDS AFFECTED BY TESTS IN TTPI.

5. ON WHOLE, CONFERENCE ITSELF GENERATED RELATIVELY LITTLE COVERAGE IN MEDIA OR AMONG PUBLIC.

6. ON APRIL 8, FOLLOWING CLOSE OF CONFERENCE, REPRESENTATIVES OF CONFERENCE MET WITH PRESS AND STATED THAT BEFORE PACIFIC CAN BECOME NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE IT MUST FREE ITSELF OF ALL COLONIAL TIES. WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO US AND FRANCE, REPRESENTATIVES SAID AREAS UNDER CONTROL THESE COUNTRIES WERE BEING USED FOR NUCLEAR TESTING AND MILITARY BASES. THEY CHARGED THAT THREE FACTORS LAY AT CORE OF ISSUE: RACIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND IMPERIALISM. PEOPLE OF PACIFIC ARE EXPLOITED BECAUSE THEY ARE CONSIDERED INSIGNIFICANT IN NUMBERS AND INFERIOR AS PEOPLE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE REPS THUS URGED PEOPLE OF PACIFIC TO ASSERT THEMSELVES AND WREST CONTROL OF THEIR DESTINY FROM FOREIGN POWERS. TO ACHIEVE FREEDOM, REPS SAID THEY WOULD SUPPORT IF NECESSARY PEOPLE, ACTION GROUPS USING VIOLENCE TO ACHIEVE AIMS. OTHER PLANS FOR ACTION INCLUDE SEEKING SUPPORT THROUGH UN, COMMITTEE OF TWENTYFOUR, TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SELDEN. KISSINGER

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